

E-mail Announcements for November 12, 2009

County News

Armada Fair Survey

Your input is important to us. Please take a few minutes before Monday, November 30 to answer a few questions about your experience at last year's fair, vote on next year's 4-H fair theme, and provide suggestions for improvement. In addition, the Armada Fair will be opening a day early on Monday August 16 and we would like your thoughts on when craft judging should take place. To access the survey go to the following link:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=CER18ZMQav06c9uoOXk4Zg_3d_3d

County Awards Deadline Fast Approaching

For those who are interested in participating in the County Awards, applications are due on Monday November 16 by 5:00 pm. Applications are available on line at
http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm

*** Club Officer Training ***

Club Officer Training will take place on Tuesday, December 1st, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Dinner will be provided. The following breakout sessions will follow a short general session: (1) Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Sgts.-at-Arms; (2) Secretaries/Clerks; (3) Treasurers and their adult helpers; (4) Historians and Reporters. **Please have one person RSVP (469-6431) for the whole club by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30. We need to know the names and sessions of each attendee.**

*** VOLUNTEER INTERN TRAINING***

Kathy Jamieson will be offering a training targeting young adults who have recently aged out of 4-H (i.e., 19-22) who are interested in staying connected to the County 4-H Program. This training will take place on Monday, December 21st, from 3-6 p.m. at MSUE. Please RSVP to Vickie at 469-6431 or Veronica.hart@macombcountymi.gov. If you can't come to this event, but want to be included in future events/information of interest to former 4-H youth, also let Vickie know.

*** Companion Animals Committee Meeting ***

The Companion Animals Committee will be meeting on Thursday, November 12, 6:30 at MSUE. Each club registered for Dogs, Cats, or Pocket Pets, is entitled to be represented by one adult and two youth members. Contact Anne at 469-6431 for more information.

***Race for Project Clover ***

The Alarro 4-H club will be hosting a 5K race/walk on June 5, 2010, starting at the Armada Fair grounds. All money will go to benefit Project Clover. Entry forms and more information are coming soon. Please call Jennifer Miller at 810-395-2257 with any questions.

*** TRAINING SURVEY RESULTS***

Thank you to all clubs that returned our training interest survey in September. The curriculum you requested has arrived and will be in your hands soon. Due to budget and staffing cuts in 2010 the 4-H Office's ability to offer training is limited. However, funding is available to any club or group that wants to organize a countywide training in one of the topics listed below (ones that got the most positive results in the survey). From highest interest, the top 11 topics were: (1) Photography; (2) Vet Science; (3 tie) Woodworking; Art for K-8, Teamwork; (6 tie) Dogs; Visual Arts for 7-12gr; (8 tie) Sewing, Goal Setting; (10 tie) Foods; and Leadership. Contact Anne at the 4-H office for more information.

State News

4-H Night at the Joe

In recognition of the Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program, the Detroit Red Wings are pleased to extend a special savings on tickets to select November & December home games. Each

package includes 2 tickets to the game, 2 hot dogs, and 2 soft drinks for only \$48. That's a savings of over 50% off box office prices!

-Wednesday, November 18th @ 7:30pm vs. Dallas Stars

-Monday, December 14th @ 7:30pm vs. Phoenix Coyotes

Check it out at the State 4-H web link <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/member/cool.html>

where a promotional flyer and ticket information is listed. A Red Wings representative will contact you within 48 hours to confirm your order. Tickets can be mailed if ordered at least 10 days prior to the event, or picked up at Will Call with a photo ID and confirmation number. There are no refunds or exchanges. Please note that a one-time \$5 service charge will be added to your order.

Contact Information

If you have questions, experience difficulty placing your order or would like to order your tickets by phone, contact Erich Freiny at (313) 396-7576.

Save the date for Big 10 Basketball

A date has been confirmed for the fifth annual MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Day at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. The date has been set for Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 2:00pm. This is a Big Ten game which will be televised by CBS! It's going to be exciting to "see a sea" of MSU Extension 4-H members, volunteers, families and staff beaming with pride, in the stands AND ON TV! Admission will once again be free for MSU Extension, 4-H members, volunteers, families and staff. It's a great opportunity to get some publicity for MSUE 4-H, and if that weren't enough...the Lady Spartans are looking forward to having us there to cheer them on to victory over Ohio State. Watch your e-mail announcements for more information on tickets.

*** 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference ***

January 23-24, 2010, Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

This exciting conference has teens from across the state converging on Kettunen Center to learn leadership and civic engagement skills to use to make a difference in their communities. The conference is open to teens 14 years old and up and adults. It has sessions for both the 4-H and non-4-H member. There are several tracks to choose from and the announcement, available in the fall, will have complete descriptions of each track. Teens and adults sign up for a track to attend throughout the weekend when they register. Cost is \$52 per person. Register with the Macomb County MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on January 8, 2010. Call 586-469-6431 for more information.

*** Take Me Fishing Family Fun Day***

Saturday, January 30, 2010, Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Learn all about the lake environment through the ice! We'll be ice fishing with local experts, identifying local fishes, performing water tests, and examining the quality of plant and animal life of Center Lake in winter.

Other sessions will include fly tying with a professional river fishing guide, a presentation on salmon fishing, casting instruction, snow science and creating fish prints on a t-shirt you bring or a tote bag you can purchase here for \$3.00.

All instruction, equipment, bait and a hot buffet lunch are included in the \$6.50 per person cost. The day is designed for school-age children and their parents. Call the Kettunen Center at (231) 829-3421 or email kross@kettunencenter.org. Preregistration is required by January 26th.



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